

## **Gord Jenkins**

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**From:** "Mike Jenkins" <michaeljenkins222@hotmail.com>  
**To:** "Gord Jenkins" <gordjenkins@sympatico.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 30, 2007 9:29 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: family tree etc

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Alice G.](#)  
**To:** [Clare](#) ; [cus mike Jenkins](#)  
**Cc:** [Cus Anna Gilmour](#)  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 30, 2007 5:48 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: family tree etc

ok that makes sense... but joan gave me the impression that nancy was on her own for like 10 years whilst he lived in Bath for work or something. will have to listen to the recording or something.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** David  
**Date:** 30 September 2007 10:09:44 BDT  
**To:** "Alice G."  
**Subject:** Re: family tree etc

PS.Sydney was evacuated to Bath in WW 2 not WW 1

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**From:** "Mike Jenkins" <michaeljenkins222@hotmail.com>  
**To:** "Gord Jenkins" <gordjenkins@sympatico.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 30, 2007 9:29 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: family tree etc

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Alice G.  
**To:** [cus mike Jenkins](#)  
**Cc:** [Clare](#) ; [Cus Anna Gilmour](#)  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 30, 2007 5:08 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: family tree etc

hey you guys,  
 just got this from dad... adding more info to the collection...though who knows if it's 100%. Dad's memory isn't always the best :)  
 hey uncle peter can you verify any of this thing about the older brother with a different dad? Or did the tape never make it your way before it went walkies?  
 love al

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** David  
**Date:** 30 September 2007 09:18:16 BDT  
**To:** "Alice G."  
**Subject:** Re: family tree etc

Thanks for all this - fascinating stuff.

Sydney, (mike's grandpa), wasn't the one who had a different Dad. It's too easy to muddle generations up but in my memory, (and Janet, Mike's mum, might remember better), that that one was called George, was gay and doesn't appear on this tree at all, but he was either, (if he existed at all), an older half brother of Sydney, (Gilly), or the oldest half brother of Sydney's dad, John Henry who seems to have had 16 children, like his father Richard. Gilmours seem to go for large families.

One of the cuttings says that Nancy, (or Anne Marguerite as she is called in the cuttings), had been drinking since she was injured somehow some years before. The cuttings aren't dated (they mention February), but Joan seems to think 1942 for Nancy's death and Jeffrey died of Leukemia in April 1942 so that could have had an effect. In 1942, Sydney was already married, Jeffrey was close to death at 24 and Doug was at Cambridge University so I'm not sure that Nancy could have been living there in South London with the three boys. On her own sounds more likely. I wonder why she didn't go to Bath with Sydney sr when he was evacuated there for his work. London must have been a bit dangerous with the bombing.

Dadxx

From: "Alice .G."  
 Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 00:37:55 +0100  
 To: Dad

Subject: family tree etc

[Sadly, I asked her why grandpa would never talk about his family etc and she had no idea. But we did find out that she met and married great grandpa a few years after his first wife died and by that time, grandpa was away at university, his oldest brother had left the country and the middle son had died of leukemia... so all she knew was her husband. She only saw my grandpa very rarely and met the other one once or twice.

Even more sadly, i also talked to her about that rumour about grandpa's oldest brother (mike's grandpa) maybe having a different father... and she hadn't heard it before but she did suddenly look all whistful and said something like "hmm i dont know anything about that but now come to think of it, he didn't look anything like the other two brothers. hmm there might be something in that."

Which is a bit annoying as those were the two pieces of info i was most hoping to find out from her. Turns out it's gone to the grave with grandpa unless you can find that tape one day... Also i plan to call mike's mum soon to ask her about what she remembers from the tape. And there's always your half aunt Sarah (who's address i sent you) i suppose the other option is mass DNA testing in the family.... hehe

Anyway, erm what else. i found out a few bits and bobs about great grandma Nancy. Apparently she was quite a one for the men! Joan said that great grandpa was a civil servant and was evacuated to Bath during world war one, where he stayed for years...and Nancy stayed where she lived with the three sons... which to be honest sounds weird to me anyway.. during that time, she messed around with guys a lot apparently... erm.. You'll also find the newspaper articles about her death in the photos i'm sending you... but basically she was an alcoholic and a bit hard to handle. I wonder if after the middle son died of leukemia if the left over sons were just totally different people and then the strain of loosing a brother and having a wild alcoholic mother just tore stuff apart? i mean, after they were both dead... and their father had a new life in bath, perhaps both of them just felt alone and got on with new families... i can imagine it must have all been rather traumatic in a way. hmm...

My favourite thing we found out was that there's a bit of italian blood in our family tree! Sydney's dad was called John Henry and his parents were irish (you can totally see it in the photo!)... and john henry's wife, she was half cockney and half of italian decent! WIKID! now i just need to find some greek heritage and every single thing in my life will make sense hahaha



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**From:** "Mike Jenkins" <michaeljenkins222@hotmail.com>  
**To:** "Gord Jenkins" <gordjenkins@sympatico.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 30, 2007 9:26 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: family tree etc

----- Original Message -----

From: "Alice .G." <[alice@gingerart.net](mailto:alice@gingerart.net)>  
To: "Mike Jenkins" <[michaeljenkins222@hotmail.com](mailto:michaeljenkins222@hotmail.com)>  
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2007 5:01 AM  
Subject: Re: family tree etc

> hiya :)  
>  
> i'm so glad. anytime cus. i know how weird it feels to be lost from  
> all your family history.  
>  
> next i think we need to find out what we can about Nancy (great  
> grandmother). Obviously the sarah who did this collection didn't look  
> her up because she wasn't really family... just the previous wife of  
> her father. i wonder how we find out about her... hmm.  
>  
> hey did i ever send you the bigger family tree that my grandpa had?  
> i'll go find it for you now and try to send it in the next email.  
>  
> The thomas you met is the son of peter... peter who is my father's  
> brother. unfortunately our generation of your and my family is not in  
> the book.  
> could you fill in the bottom gaps or your generation for me and send  
> it? i'll do one for you too.  
>  
> YAY  
>  
> love al  
>  
>  
>  
> On 30 Sep 2007, at 01:33, Mike Jenkins wrote:  
>  
> Wow Alice,  
>  
> I am in awe, I haven't even begun to digest even a tenth of the info  
> in the  
> family history.  
> So did the Thomas I met, was his father Simon, or is this another  
> Thomas?  
> That is absolutely 100% incredible that you've retrieved the newspaper  
> article about our Great Grandmothers death! Unbelievable!

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> Just so you know, my mother is so excited to hear about this stuff.  
 > I just  
 > fired her off all your emails. I really don't think she knows anything  
 > about her family. She didn't even know her father's father (well  
 > possibly  
 > step-dad) name was Sydney. That is just how much all this could  
 > potentially  
 > mean to her, it would fill in a lot of gaps.

> Anyways, thanks so much Alice

> Mike

> ----- Original Message ----- From: "Alice .G." <[alice@gingerart.net](mailto:alice@gingerart.net)>  
 > To: "Cus Mike Jenkins" <[michaeljenkins222@hotmail.com](mailto:michaeljenkins222@hotmail.com)>  
 > Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2007 7:25 PM  
 > Subject: family tree etc

>> hi cus :)

>> ok i've got the jackpot for you. me and my cousin anna went to  
 >> meet our  
 >> (i.e. yours and mine and her) great step grandmother Joan last  
 >> weekend!

>> we recorded the conversation we had but sadly the ipod fucked up  
 >> royally  
 >> and i only got half of it recorded. I have yet to go through the  
 >> recording and write down anything we found out... but most of it  
 >> you can  
 >> see in the next emails i'm going to send you. Her daughter Sarah  
 >> made an  
 >> album of all her family trees once upon a time.. and she has  
 >> photos of  
 >> our grandparents when young... their parents... and EVEN a photo  
 >> of our  
 >> great great grandfather!!! (well he might not be yours by blood  
 >> depending  
 >> on that story we heard remember?)...

>> Sadly, I asked her why our grandpa's would never talk about their  
 >> family  
 >> etc and she had no idea. You see she met and married our great  
 >> grandpa a  
 >> few years after his first wife (our great grandma) died and by  
 >> that time,  
 >> my grandpa was away at university, i think you're had left the  
 >> country  
 >> and the middle son had died of leukemia... so all she knew was her  
 >> husband. She only saw my grandpa very rarely and met yours once or  
 >> twice.

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 >> Even more sadly, i also talked to her about that rumour about your  
 >> grandpa's father... and she hadn't heard it before but she did  
 >> suddenly  
 >> look all whistful and said something like "hmm i dont know  
 >> anything about  
 >> that but now come to think of it, he didn't look anything like the  
 >> other  
 >> two brothers. hmm there might be something in that."  
 >>  
 >> so i'm really sorry but the two most important pieces of info i was  
 >> hoping to find out from her turns out to have gone to the grave  
 >> with my  
 >> grandpa or perhaps, one day we might find that tape dad lost....  
 >> Unless  
 >> your mum remembers it when i eventually call her... or that Sarah  
 >> girl  
 >> knows something her mother doesn't, or wont talk about? i suppose the  
 >> other option is mass DNA testing.... hehe  
 >>  
 >> Anyway, erm what else. i found out a few bits and bobs about our  
 >> great  
 >> grandma. Apparently she was quite a one for the men! you see, great  
 >> grandpa was a civil servant and was evacuated to Bath during world  
 >> war  
 >> one, where he stayed for years...and she stayed where she lived  
 >> with the  
 >> sons... which to be honest sounds weird to me anyway.. during that  
 >> time,  
 >> she messed around a lot apparently... erm.. you'll find the newspaper  
 >> articles about her death in the photos i'm sending you... but  
 >> basically  
 >> she was an alcoholic and a bit hard to handle. I know that when my  
 >> grandpa was about 19 or something, the middle brother who he was  
 >> close to  
 >> died of leukemia and it was only a year later that the mum died in the  
 >> fire. I wonder if our grandfathers were just totally different  
 >> people and  
 >> then the strain of loosing a brother and having a wild alcoholic  
 >> mother  
 >> just tore stuff apart? i mean, after they were both dead... and their  
 >> father had a new life in bath, perhaps both of them just felt  
 >> alone and  
 >> got on with new families... i can imagine it must have all been  
 >> rather  
 >> traumatic in a way. hmm...  
 >>  
 >> My favourite thing we found out (which may or may not apply to you  
 >> depending on your dna test hehe ;P) was that there's a bit of italian  
 >> blood in the family tree. Great grandparents were Sydney (nickname:  
 >> Gilly) and Nancy... Sydney's dad was called John Henry and his



>> parents  
>> were irish (you can totally see it in the photo!)... and john henry's  
>> wife, she was half cockney and half of italian decent! WIKID! now  
>> i just  
>> need to find some greek heritage and every single thing in my life  
>> would  
>> make sense hahaha  
>>  
>> anyway must go to bed. i'll write if i remember anything else.  
>>  
>> in the next emails you'll find the photos.. there's quite a few of  
>> them.  
>> might end up in your junk mail. argh hope i dont over load your  
>> account.  
>>  
>> love al  
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